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In re application of: Goerlach-Graw, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/594,972

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Examiner: Nguyen, Bao Thuy L

For: ELEMENT, METHOD AND KIT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AN  
ANALYTE IN A LIQUIDMail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

*Introductory Comments*

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2003, a one-month extension of time, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.